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CAIRO, DEC. 26 (AP)-PRESIDENT NASSER'S GOVERNMENT TODAY RENEWED ITS ATTACK ON THE COMMUNISTS IN THE SYRIAN PROVINCE OF THE U.A.R.

SYRIAN INTERIOR MINISTER ABDUL HAMID SERRAJ, ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL SYRIAN OFFICIALS, SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT THE REDS HAD BECOME "MOUTHPIECES FOR THE ENEMIES OF ARAB NATIONALISM." NASSER LAUNCHED THE ATTACK IN A SPEECH TUESDAY IN WHICH HE DENOUNCED THE SYRIAN COMMUNISTS AND ASSERTED THEY HAD OPPOSED THE UNION OF EGYPT AND SYRIA TO FORM THE U.A.R.

(BEFORE SYRIA'S UNION WITH EGYPT, SERRAJ WAS A COLONEL IN CHARGE OF SYRIAN INTELLIGENCE AND WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE LEADER OF A MILITARY CLIQUE FRIENDLY TO THE SOVIET UNION BECAUSE THE COMMUNIST BLOC WAS WILLING TO FURNISH SYRIA WITH MILITARY AID.)

SERRAJ TOLD THE CAIRO PAPER AL AHRAM THE COMMUNISTS HAD DISCOVERED THAT UNION OF EGYPT AND SYRIA PUT AN END TO THEIR DISHONEST PRACTICES AND THEY HAD TO SEEK WAYS AND MEANS TO RECOVER THEIR LOST, ILLEGALLY OBTAINED GAINS.

"THEY THEREFORE HAD TO SPREAD FALSE RUMORS IN A BID TO DEFAME THOSE NOW IN AUTHORITY BY GOING SO FAR AS EVEN TO BLAME THE UNION FOR A SCARCITY OF RAIN WHICH, HOWEVER, LATER CAME IN GREAT ABUNDANCE AS IF TO FOIL THEIR SINISTER DESIGNS," SERRAJ DECLARED.

HE SAID THE COMMUNISTS THEN DECIDED TO RESORT TO OPEN HOSTILITY. COMMUNISTS AND REACTIONARY FORCES JOINED HANDS IN TAKING A HOSTILE STAND AGAINST "SUCH BENEFICIAL ACTIOS AS AGRARIAN REFORM," WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN SYRIA LAST FALL.

THE COMMUNISTS HAD TO CRITIZE "THE ALLEGEDLY UNSATISFACTORY ECONOMIC SITUATION IN SYRIA, OBVIOUSLY FORGETTING THAT PRIOR TO UNITY SYRIA HAD NO ECONOMY," SERRAJ CONTINUED.

THE MINISTER SAID THE SYRIAN COMMUNISTS FINALLY UNMASKED THEMSELVES AS "ANTI-UNION ADVOCATES BY ALLEGING THAT WHAT THE ARABS NEEDED WAS UNITY AND NOT UNION."

"SUCH AN APPEAL AGAINST UNION AT THIS PARTICULAR JUNCTURE WAS TANTAMOUNT TO BETRAYAL OF THE CAUSE OF ARAB NATIONALISM WHICH WAS THUS BEING STABBED IN THE BACK BY ELEMENTS HAVING AT HEART NOTHING BUT OBTAINING PERSONAL BENEFITS," HE SAID.

THESE COMMUNIST ELEMENTS, SAID SERRAJ, ARE "NEGLIGIBLE QUANTITIES" AND ADDED THAT HE FELT FROM CONTACTS WITH OTHER DIFFERENT CLASSES THAT THEY ALL FULLY SUPPORT THE PRESENT REGIME.

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NASSER INTERPRETIVE
BY WILTON WYNN

CAIRO, DEC. 26 (AP)-PRESIDENT NASSER'S CRACKDOWN ON THE SYRIAN COMMUNISTS DOES NOT MEAN THAT HE HIMSELF HAS CHANGED. THIS IS NOT A NEW NASSER. IT IS THE SAME OLD WOULD-BE RULER OF THE ARAB WORLD HANDLING A NEW PROBLEM.

NASSER SAVAGELY ATTACKED THE COMMUNISTS IN A SPEECH IN PORT SAID TUESDAY, AND WESTERNERS WERE IMMEDIATELY TEMPTED TO INTERPRET THIS AS A SHIFT TO THE WEST OR COURTING WESTERN FAVOR.

THE SUDDEN ATTACK ON THE COMMUNISTS IN FACT WAS JUST TYPICAL NASSER COUNTER-PUNCHING. TIME AND AGAIN HE HAS REPEATED HIS FAVORITE POLITICAL MAXIM: "WE WILL BEFRIEND THOSE WHO BEFRIEND US AND ATTACK THOSE WHO ATTACK US." HE ALSO PHRASES IT: "WE'LL RETURN BLOW FOR BLOW AND SLAP FOR SLAP."

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FOR THREE YEARS, THE COMMUNISTS BEFRIENDED NASSER. IN RETURN HE WAS RELATIVELY GENTLE WITH THEM, PARTICULARLY IN HIS PROPAGANDA. IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS, THE REDS HAVE TURNED SHARPLY AGAINST THE U.A.R. PRESIDENT AND HE IS HITTING BACK. IN TYPICAL NASSER FASHION, THE BLOW HE RETURNS IS APT TO BE MORE RESOUNDING THAN THE ONE HE RECEIVES.

THE COMMUNISTS ASKED FOR THIS FIGHT, NOT NASSER. PERSONS CLOSE TO HIM SAY HIS ATTACK HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS RELATIONS WITH THE WEST AND SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COURT WESTERN FAVOR. NASSER IS JUST PLAYING TRUE TO FORM.

IF THE COMMUNISTS HAD BEHAVED THEMSELVES AND CONTINUED TO SUPPORT NASSER'S VERSION OF ARAB NATIONALISM, HE WOULD NOT HAVE ATTACKED THEM IN PORT SAID, AND HE WOULD NOT BE CRACKING DOWN ON THEM IN SYRIA.

BUT THEY ACTED UP -- IN SYRIA AND IRAQ -- AND HE IS DETERMINED TO KNOCK THEM DOWN.

WHY DID THE COMMUNISTS CHANGE THEIR LINE?

THE DECLINE OF WESTERN INFLUENCE IN THE ARAB WORLD HAD A LOT TO DO WITH IT. IN THE PAST THE COMMUNISTS TEAMED UP WITH ARAB NATIONALISTS TO OPPOSE WESTERN DOMINATION OF THE AREA. HEAVY WESTERN DEFEATS IN SUEZ, SYRIA, AND--MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL--IRAQ PRACTICALLY ELIMINATED THE THREAT OF WESTERN DOMINATION IN THESE COUNTRIES. THE REMOVAL OF THIS PRESSURE BROKE UP THE ALLIANCE OF COMMUNISTS AND NATIONALISTS AND OPENED A NEW PHASE IN MIDDLE EASTERN POLITICAL LIFE.

THIS ALSO PRESENTED NASSER WITH A NEW PROBLEM. THE COMMUNISTS OPPOSE ARAB UNITY UNDER HIM BECAUSE IT MEANS THE DISSOLUTION OF COMMUNIST PARTIES AND POLITICAL CONTROL BY CAIRO INSTEAD OF MOSCOW.

THIS CONFLICT SHOWED UP MOST SHARPLY IN IRAQ. BUT IT WAS LOUDLY ECHOED IN NASSER'S OWN SYRIA, WHERE COMMUNIST LEADER KHALI BAKDASH HAS CALLED FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC. NASSER IS AIMING AT A SHOWDOWN, FIRST WITH THE SYRIAN COMMUNISTS, HOPING THAT THIS INDIRECTLY CHECKS COMMUNISM IN IRAQ AND ELSEWHERE IN THE ARAB WORLD.

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BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA, DEC. 26 (AP)-THE GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED ITS AMBASSADORS TO COMMUNIST CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY TO PROTEST "GROSS ATTACKS ON YUGOSLAVIA," IT WAS DISCLOSED TODAY. DEAGO KUNG, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, SAID THE ATTACKS WERE PART OF A JOINT DECLARATION BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY AFTER A VISIT OF A HUNGARIAN DELEGATION TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

KUNG DECLARED THIS COUNTRY WAS BEING SLANDERED IN THE SOVIET BLOC WITH THE AIM "TO BLACKEN YUGOSLAVIA AT ANY PRICE."

HE WAS ASKED AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE BY A YUGOSLAV REPORTER TO COMMENT ON THE WRITING OF THE PRESS IN THE SOVIET BLOC IN CONNECTION WITH YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC ARRANGEMENTS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES.

YUGOSLAVIA IN AN AGREEMENT EARLY THIS WEEK OBTAINED ECONOMIC AID FROM THE UNITED STATES AMOUNTING TO NEARLY 95 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR IN THE FORM OF CREDIT FOR PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL SURPLUSES.

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MOSCOW, DEC. 26 (AP)-THE U. S. EMBASSY TODAY ISSUED A THREE-MONTH DIPLOMATIC VISA TO VICE PREMIER A. I. MIKOYAN FOR HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

AN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS UNDERSTOOD MIKOYAN WOULD LEAVE EARLY IN JANUARY FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS IN THE UNITED STATES. HE WILL TRAVEL BY COMMERCIAL PLANES.

EMBASSY SOURCES SAID MIKOYAN MADE NO SPECIAL REQUESTS CONCERNING HIS TRIP, SAYING HE WOULD ARRANGE DETAILS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON.

MIKOYAN WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES AS ARE IMPOSED ON SOVIET DIPLOMATS AND CITIZENS. THEY ARE BARRED FROM BROAD AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE SIMILAR RESTRICTIONS ARE PLACED ON AMERICANS IN THE SOVIET UNION.

THE EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS PRESUMED RESTRICTIONS WILL BE WAIVED IF MIKOYAN WANTS TO VISIT ANY FORBIDDEN AREAS.

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MOSCOW, DEC. 26 (AP)-THE SOVIET UNION HAS LEGALIZED IMPRISONMENT OF UP TO 10 YEARS FOR U.S. OR OTHER FOREIGN FLIERS WHO VIOLATE SOVIET AIR SPACE.

THE PROVISION IS INCLUDED IN A NEW CRIMINAL CODE APPROVED BY THE SUPREME SOVIET (PARLIAMENT) YESTERDAY. SENTENCES WOULD RANGE FROM ONE TO 10 YEARS PLUS FINES UP TO 10,000 RUBLES (\$2,500 AT THE OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE.)

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THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THE SOVIET UNION STILL HOLDS 11 CREWMEN OF AN AIR FORCE TRANSPORT PLANE THAT CRASHED IN SOVIET TERRITORY

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THE SOVIET UNION TURNED OVER THE BODIES OF SIX CREWMEN RECOVERED FROM THE WRECKAGE BUT REPEATEDLY HAS DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE OTHER 11. THE PLANE BECAME LOST IN BAD WEATHER AND FLEW OVER SOVIET SOIL. THE SOVIET UNION HAS DENIED INTERCEPTING OR SHOOTING DOWN THE PLANE.

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GAZA, DEC. 26 (AP)-U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL DAG HAMMARSKJOLD TODAY ENDED HIS THREE-DAY VISIT TO THE GAZA STRIP BY CALLING AT TWO REFUGEE CAMPS. HE WAS GREETED BY SHOUTS OF "WE WANT TO RETURN TO OUR HOMES."

THOUSANDS OF ARAB REFUGEES FROM ISRAELI PALESTINE LINED HIS ROUTE TO THE CAMPS CARRYING BANNERS READING "WELCOME TO PALESTINE, HAMMARSKJOLD. WE DEMAND IMMEDIATE REPATRIATION."

ABOUT ONE MILLION PALESTINIANS WERE DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES DURING THE 1948 ARAB-ISRAELI WAR. MANY OF THEM LIVE IN THIS STRIP NOW ADMINISTERED BY ISRAEL AND GUARDED BY A U.N. EMERGENCY FORCE (UNEF).

ONE REFUGEE STUDENT COMPLAINED TO HAMMARSKJOLD THAT STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS CANNOT FIND WORK AND THAT UNRWA (UNITED NATIONS WORKS AND RELIEF AGENCY) IS DOING NOTHING TO HELP THEM.

THE STUDENT COMPLAINED THAT THE U.N. ALLOTED MORE MONEY TO THE UNEF THAN TO UNRWA.

HAMMARSKJOLD ANSWERED THAT HE AND HIS ASSISTANTS WERE WORKING WITHIN THE LIMITS OF MONEY GIVEN BY U.N. MEMBERS.

HAMMARSKJOLD ALSO VISITED DEIR ELBALAH CAMP WHERE 8,000 REFUGEES ARE LIVING.

HE ARRIVED TUESDAY TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH UNEF CONTINGENTS PATROLLING THE DEMARCACTION LINE SEPARATING ISRAEL AND GAZA.

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CAIRO, DEC. 26 (AP)-THE SOVIET UNION WILL SIGN HERE TOMORROW ITS AGREEMENT TO HELP BUILD THE FIRST STAGE OF THE ASWAN HIGH DAM, THE INFORMATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE SOVIET UNION ANNOUNCED IN OCTOBER IT WOULD LEND THE U.A.R. 400 MILLION RUBLES (100 MILLION DOLLARS AT THE OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE) TO BUILD THE FIRST STAGE.

PETER NIKITINE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE, HAS BEEN HERE MORE THAN A MONTH AT THE HEAD OF A TEAM OF SOVIET EXPERTS MAKING A SURVEY OF THE DAM AND DISCUSSING DETAILS. HE WILL SIGN THE AGREEMENT FOR THE SOVIET UNION.

THE SOVIET OFFER IS LITTLE MORE THAN A STARTER FOR THE GREAT PROJECT DESIGNED TO HARNESS THE NILE, PROVIDE IRRIGATION FOR AGRICULTURE AND MORE POWER FOR INDUSTRY.

THE DAM IS EXPECTED TO COST TWO BILLION DOLLARS OR MORE. THE UNITED STATES IN 1956 WITHDREW AN OFFER TO FINANCE A SHARE OF THE PROJECT. BRITAIN DID THE SAME. THE UNITED STATES SAID EGYPT HAD SO COMMITTED ITS FINANCIAL RESOURCES IN BUYING SOVIET BLOC ARMS THAT IT WOULD BE UNABLE TO REPAY LOANS ADVANCED FOR THE DAM.

THE WITHDRAWAL PROMPTED PRESIDENT NASSER TO SEIZE THE INTERNATIONAL SUEZ CANAL. NASSER SAID AT THE TIME HE EXPECTED CANAL REVENUES TO HELP IN FINANCING THE DAM.

A WEST GERMAN INDUSTRIAL GROUP WAS REPORTED IN BONN LAST MONDAY TO HAVE OFFERED TO HELP BUILD THE DAM.

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TAIPEI, FORMOSA, DEC. 26 (AP)-TWELVE COMMUNIST PLANES FLEW OVER NORTHEAST QUEMOY FOR 10 MINUTES LATE TODAY, THE NATIONALIST DEFENSE MINISTRY REPORTED.

THE MINISTRY ADDED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF NATIONALIST SUPPLY VESSELS HAD REACHED THE FORTIFIED OFFSHORE ISLAND AND UNLOADED WITHOUT MOLESTATION.

THIS WAS AN EVEN-NUMBERED DAY, AND THE COMMUNISTS WITHHELD ARTILLERY FIRE.

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AP FOREIGN SERVICE ADVANCE FOR FRIDAY PMS (ADVANCE). TOKYO, DEC. 26 (AP)-SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FANS SAT JAMMED SHOULDER TO SHOULDER IN TOKYO'S NATIONAL STADIUM WATCHING TWO AMERICAN SERVICE SOFTBALL TEAMS SLUG IT OUT.

MOST WERE JAPANESE WHO HAD SEEN LITTLE OR NO FOOTBALL BEFORE. THEY WERE GUESTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN AN EXPANDING PROGRAM TO BUILD GOODWILL AND FRIENDSHIP.

THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IS ALWAYS A TOUCHY ISSUE. JAPAN'S SOCIALIST PARTY HAS OPENED A DRIVE TO ABROGATE THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY PACT. THIS PLACES GIS IN THE DIRECT LINE OF EXPECTED POLITICAL FIRE, BUT LT. GEN. ROBERT W. BURNS, TOP U. S. COMMANDER, SAYS:

"WE THINK WE ARE ON SOLID GROUND IN JAPAN."

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS HAVE BEEN FORMED AT VIRTUALLY EVERY AMERICAN BASE TO BRING TOGETHER U. S. COMMANDERS AND LEADERS OF THE SURROUNDING AREA IN AN ORGANIZED EFFORT TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS THAT ARE BOUND TO ARISE.

ON SPECIAL HOLIDAY WEEKENDS JAPANESE ARE INVITED ONTO THE U. S. POSTS. U. S.-SPONSORED TRADE FAIRS, SCIENCE FAIRS AND SPORTS CONTESTS ATTRACT THOUSANDS OF JAPANESE. AND UNTOTLED NUMBERS OF OTHER AMERICANS BRING JAPANESE INTO THEIR HOMES AS GUESTS, TEACH THEM ENGLISH, APPEAR BEFORE JAPANESE AUDIENCES AS SPEAKERS AND JOIN IN THEIR COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

THE AIR FORCE TWO YEARS AGO ASSIGNED A MAJOR TO EXPLORING MEANS OF TAKING THE STING OUT OF HAVING FOREIGN TROOPS IN SUCH A PROUD LAND AS JAPAN.

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LATER A LIEUTENANT COLONEL AND A JAPANESE WITH A DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE WERE ASSIGNED FULLTIME TO THE PROJECT, EMBRACING ALL SERVICES.
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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, DEC. 26 (AP)-THE WESTERN BIG THREE COUNTRIES HAVE VIRTUALLY COMPLETED DRAFTING NOTES TO RUSSIA OFFERING TO DISCUSS THE ENTIRE GERMAN PROBLEM AT A NEW CONFERENCE WITH THE SOVIETS.

BUT THE ALLIES WILL REJECT ANY THOUGHT OF LIMITING TALKS TO BERLIN'S FUTURE DESPITE SOVIET THREATS TO TURN THEIR SECTOR OVER TO COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED EAST GERMANY WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER LAST THANKSGIVING DAY.

OFFICIALS WHO REPORTED THIS TODAY SAID THE WESTERN NOTES WILL BE DELIVERED WITHIN A FEW DAYS, PROBABLY BEFORE NEW YEAR'S DAY.

THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS REPORTED READY TO SEND ALONG ITS FORMAL REPLY TO THE RUSSIAN THREATS ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

DIPLOMATIC INFORMANTS REPORTED THE NOTES WOULD BE PARALLEL BUT NOT IDENTICAL. ALL FOUR WILL STAND FIRM, THEY SAID, ON THE WESTERN DETERMINATION TO REMAIN BERLIN.

THE AMERICAN-BRITISH-FRENCH OFFER TO TALK WILL BE IN THE NATURE OF A REMINDER TO THE SOVIETS THAT THEY HAVE NOT YET REPLIED TO A SEPT. 30 ALLIED PROPOSAL FOR A FOUR-POWER CONFERENCE ON GERMANY.

AT THAT TIME, THE THREE ALLIES--IN A MOVE TO SPEED PREPARATIONS FOR A SUMMIT CONFERENCE--OFFERED TO DISCUSS THE GERMAN PROBLEM AT A SEPARATE FOUR-POWER MEETING. THEY DID NOT SPECIFY THE LEVEL AT WHICH THE TALKS WOULD BE HELD.

THE NEW WESTERN NOTES ARE UNDERSTOOD TO REAFFIRM THIS READINESS TO TALK. NO DATE IS SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, FOR SUCH A PARLEY.

THE NOTES ARE REPORTED DELIBERATELY PHRASED TO GIVE RUSSIA A FACE-SAVING OPPORTUNITY TO BACK AWAY FROM WHAT HAS BEEN VIEWED AS A SIX-MONTH SOVIET ULTIMATUM ON BERLIN.

THE WESTERN ATTITUDE WILL BE, AUTHORITIES SAID, THAT THE THREE ALLIES ARE SURE THE SOVIETS DID NOT MEAN THEIR BERLIN NOTE OF NOV. 27 TO BE AN ULTIMATUM.

NEITHER RUSSIA NOR ANY OF ITS THREE WARTIME ALLIES, IT WILL BE ARGUED, CAN SINGLE-HANDEDLY RENOUNCE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR JOINT OCCUPATION OF BERLIN.

ANY MODIFICATION OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS, THE NOTES WILL SAY, COULD COME ONLY FROM NEW AGREEMENTS ALL FOUR COUNTRIES MAY DECIDE UPON JOINTLY.

STATE DEPARTMENT EXPERTS ON SOVIET AFFAIRS CAREFULLY SCANNED THE SPEECH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO GAVE IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY TO DETERMINE WHETHER HIS COMMENTS WOULD INFLUENCE THEIR REPLIES.

MOST AUTHORITIES DISMISSED GROMYKO'S WORDS AS A REHASH. THEY SAID IT WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY GROMYKO'S REMARKS WOULD CAUSE ANY CHANGES IN THE TEXT OF THE REPLIES.

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B38KX (Q) VICENTE VILLAMAIN
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LOS ANGELES, DEC. 26 (AP)-AN ASIAN AND AN AMERICAN DECLARED TODAY THAT MILLIONS ARE HOPEFULLY AWAITING A NEW LEADERSHIP THAT WILL ONE DAY WIN THE UNCOMMITTED MINDS OF ASIA AND AFRICA FOR THE FREE WORLD. ADDRESSING THE OPENING SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF MORAL RE-ARMAMENT

FOR AMERICA AND THE PACIFIC NATIONS (CAPS), FILIPINO JOURNALIST VICENTE VILLAMAIN AND JOHN WOOD, MRA LEADER FROM NEW YORK CITY, TOLD DELEGATES FROM 30 NATIONS:

THIS LEADERSHIP MUST WORK TO UNITE THE FREE WORLD AND IT MUST BE INTELLIGENT SO IT CAN ANSWER COMMUNISM.

VILLAMAIN PAID TRIBUTE TO MRA'S POSTWAR ASSEMBLIES AS "MOST IMPORTANT" FACTORS IN GETTING THE LEADERS OF NATIONS FORMERLY AT WAR TO FORGET THEIR BITTERNESS.

THE VISIT OF PHILIPPINES PRESIDENT GARCIA TO JAPAN, TERMED THE FIRST MAJOR STEP IN BRINGING THE TWO FORMER ENEMIES TOGETHER, WAS AN ACCOMPLISHMENT IN WHICH MRA HAD A PART, VILLAMAIN SAID, ADDED:

"THE DEMONSTRATION OF IDEAS OF DECENCY AND VIRTUE AND BROTHERHOOD AMONG MEN IN THIS INCIDENT IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE RIGHT IDEOLOGY CAN DO."

MORAL RE-ARMAMENT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A MOVEMENT TO PROVIDE AN IDEA BEHIND WHICH ASIANS CAN UNITE TO ANSWER COMMUNISM. ONE STATED GOAL IS TO ERASE THE BITTERNESS LEFT BY WAR.

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